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E.O. 11652:

TAGS: ICAO, ETRN

SUBJECT: ICAO AIR SECURITY CONFERENCE

MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

FROM AMBASSADOR ROUNTREE

REF: STATE 184996

1. SHARP DISAPPOINTMENT BY PILOTS AND INDUSTRY REPS IN PROCEEDINGS BY ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE HAS BEEN INCREASINGLY MANIFESTED IN RECENT DAYS, WITH HIGHLY ARTICULATE CRITICISM OF LACK OF WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE REAL PROGRESS. WE HAVE LEARNED IN CONFIDENCE FROM USDEL ADVISER BERK (ALPA) OF PLAN FOR IFALPA MEMBERS TO ISSUE STRONG CONDEMNATORY PRESS RELEASE ON WEDNESDAY MORNING AND GIVE STRONG SPEECH AT CONFERENCE ON THURSDAY ADVISING THAT THEY WILL SILENTLY OBSERVE BUT NOT PARTICIPATE IN MEETING. THAT WILL PROBABLY BE FOLLOWED BY ITALIAN PILOT HANDBILLING AT BUILDING AT WHICH MEETINGS BEING HELD. WE UNDERSTAND THAT IF THIS PLAN MATERIALIZES BERK WILL PROBABLY DEPART
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FROM ROME IMMEDIATELY WITHOUT PUBLIC COMMENT IN ORDER TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT ARISING FROM HIS OFFICIAL ASSOCIATION WITH USDEL.

2. BOTH BERK AND USDEL ADVISER LANDRY (ATA) HAVE INDICATED FULL SYMPATHY FOR THOSE CLAIMING THAT NOTHING USEFUL CAN POSSIBLY EMERGE FROM CURRENT MEETINGS. THEY HAVE CONSEQUENTLY URGED USDEL TO ADOPT POSITIONS IN BOTH BODIES DESIGNED TO ASSURE THAT NO "PAPERING OVER" OF FAILURE EMERGES. THEIR REACTION TO STATE 184996 IS THEREFORE ONE OF STRONG OPPOSITION AND THEY HAVE ASKED THAT WE TRANSMIT TO DEPARTMENT THROUGH OUR TELEGRAPHIC CHANNELS THEIR VIEWS CONCERNING DEPT'S CLASSIFIED INSTRUCTIONS ON POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN IN CONFERENCE AND ASSEMBLY. WHILE IN SOME RESPECTS IT APPEARS INAPPROPRIATE FOR MESSAGE OF CHARACTER THEY HAVE DRAFTED TO BE COMMUNICATED IN THIS MANNER, I HAVE DECIDED TO DO SO IN VIEW OF ITS REFERENCE TO CLASSIFIED MATTERS AND OBVIOUS DIFFICULTIES WHICH WOULD BE ENCOUNTERED IF SEPARATE CHANNELS WERE EMPLOYED. MESSAGE IS THEREFORE CONTAINED IN TELEGRAM FOLLOWING IMMEDIATELY.

3. MY VIEWS ON OUTCOME OF MEETINGS HAVE BEEN FULLY EXPRESSED IN PRIOR MESSAGES AND DO NOT NEED REPETITION. USDEL WILL OF COURSE CONFORM ITS ACTIONS TO INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED STATE 184996 IN REMAINING DAYS OF ASSEMBLY AND CONFERENCE. VOLPE

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